

Prison Work crew Saves Indiana War Memorials over \$120,000

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From Left to Right: Lester Young: ACA Chairman , Doug Gehrke: CIF ACA Coordinator , Grace Gilliatt: CIF ACA Coordinator and Tom Hanlon , Superintendent

Pendleton, Indiana - (February 1, 2007) - Commissioner J. David Donahue announced today that the Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) scored a perfect 100 percent on the mandatory standards established by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The facility scored 98.4 percent on non-mandatory standards. The ACA auditors recommended Correctional Industrial Facility for re-accreditation.

“By undergoing ACA's accreditation process, facilities ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place and program delivery is exceptional. Indiana’s vision is to strive to be a model correctional

agency,” said Commissioner Donahue. “CIF has shown that it is committed to meeting the standards set by the Association.”

“Chief Auditor and Chairman Lester Young, was very complimentary of the quality of life at CIF, from the politeness of offenders to the cleanliness of every area," said Superintendent Tom Hanlon. "CIF staff has every reason to feel proud. They have worked very hard to reach this goal.”

In order to pass the ACA audit, a correctional facility must comply with 100 percent of 62 mandatory standards and 90 percent of 466 non-mandatory standards. ACA's standards reflect the current national policies and procedures with regard to the care, custody and control of adult offenders.

Committee Chairman Lester Young and members, Wayne Sanchez, and Holly Collett were complimentary of the Correctional Industrial Facility in the areas of security, sanitation, education and staff training.

Mr. Young commented that the committee was very impressed with the facility’s Greyhound program and the Purposeful Living Units Serve program dedicated to developing faith or character. He also mentioned how nice it was to see a variety of education levels in an adult facility.

The Correctional Industrial Facility employs over 400 total staff and houses over 1400 offenders.

"Congratulations to Superintendent Tom Hanlon and Correctional Industrial Facility employees for reaching this lofty goal. I look forward to making the official announcement at the ACA summer conference," added Donahue.

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About ACA

The Standards and Accreditation Department of the American Correctional Association (ACA) serves a dual mission of providing services for ACA and the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC). These services include the development and promulgation of new standards, revision of existing standards, coordination of the accreditation process for all correctional components of the criminal justice system, semi-annual accreditation hearings, technical assistance to correctional agencies, and training for consultants who are involved in the accreditation process.

About the Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.